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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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June 25, 2003Examiner  
S. Y. HsiehArt Unit  
2837

Applicant(s): Masahiko Maruhashi et al.

Invention: DURABLE PERCUSSION PAD EFFECTIVE AGAINST NOISE, SILENT PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT, SILENT PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT SET AND ELECTRONIC PERCUSSION SYSTEM

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	40	- 40 =	0	x 50.00	
Independent Claims	4	- 4 =	0	x 200.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
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Examiner: S. Y. Hsieh

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_ If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	40	MINUS	40**	=	0	X	50.00	\$0.00
Indep.	4	MINUS	4**	=	0	X	200.00	\$0.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>

\* not less than 20

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